WE PROTEST TO VENEZUELA.

GOVERNMENT STIRRED UP BY CASTRO'S ASPHALT SEIZURE.

Action on What Minister Bowen Terms an Act of High Handed Injustice Will Not Be Lenient-Evidence of Collusion Between Executive and Judiciary.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 .- Advices received at the State Department to-day from Herbert W. Bowen, the United States Minister at Caracas, indicate very clearly that the action of Venezuela in seizing the properties of the New York and Bermudez Asphalt Company was, in Mr. Bowen's opinion, an act of high handed injustice, brought about by possible collusion between the executive and judicial branches of the Venezuelan Government and in defiance of even the statutes of that country itself.

Minister Bowen has been instructed to protest to the Venezuelan Government against the outrage and to make the protest as strong as he thinks the circumstances warrant.

The report from Mr. Bowen was the first official account received in Washington of the action of the Venezuelan Government. According to Mr. Bowen, who made a thorough investigation of the case under instructions from the State Department, suit was brought by the Venezuelan Government against the asphalt company on the ground that it had failed to carry out certain provisions of its concession, particularly those requiring the company to improve the rivers of Venezuela, dig canals, dredge channels and develop and export products of the country other than

Alleging the company's failure to carry out these provisions, the Government petitioned the court to grant an embargo (similar to an injunction in this country and to appoint a receiver for the company's property. The court granted the embargo and appointed A. H. Garner, formerly the manager of the New York and Ber-

mudez company, as custodian.

According to Minister Bowen, the court had granted the injunction and Garner had sailed in a Venezuelan war vessel for the asphalt lakes before the defendant company learned that the suit had been brought against it, and the attorneys for the company contend that this is prima facie eviience of collusion between the executive and judicial branches of the Government and that the seizure was therefore prearranged. Mr. Bowen's report adds that Venezuela statutes authorize similar proceedings in the case of leases. The New York and Bermudez company, however, operated its asphalt properties under a

John Bassett Moore, former Assistant Secretary of State and now professor of international law at Columbia University, and J. D. Lindsay of the New York law firm of Nicoll, Anable and Lindsay, called at the State Department to-day and had a conference with Assistant Secretary of State Loomis and Judge Penfield, solicitor of the State Department, with reference to action by the United States.

Mr. Loomis learned from them that the report contained in press despatches from Port au Spain, Trinidad, that the British Minister to Venezuela had protested on behalf of his Government against the seizure of the asphalt properties was entirely correct. The interest of the British Government in the matter is explained by the fact that about \$1,000,000 worth of the bonds of the New York and Bermudez company are owned in London.

Mr. Bowen added in his cabled report that he had sent by mail a detailed state ment of the events leading up to the seizure proceedings and documents of importance n the case. In view of this it is probable that no radical action will be taken by the State Department prior to the receipt of this information.

It is safe to say, however, that the State Department is not inclined to show too much eniency to President Castro and the Government of Venezuela, which he practically controls, and that when action is taken by the United States it will be decided enough to make Venezuela understand that this country will not stand quietly by and see the rights and libertles of its citizens trampled upon.

NO GERMAN ULTIMATUM. Official Statement That Venezuela Has Not Broken Faith

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, Aug. 1.-THE SUN'S correspond ent has official authority for declaring that the statement that the German Government has sent an ultimatum to Venezue

Germany has no complaint to make venezuela, which has regularly paid the installments due under the indemnity award.

MADE ROPE TO SAVE WOMEN. Just Controlled the Hysterical Ones on

is without foundation in fact.

Roof of Burning House. There were several exciting rescues at a are, yesterday afternoon, which started in the grocery store of Harry Kaplan, on the ground floor of the five story brick tenement house at 188 East 109th street. Kaplan lived in the rear of his store. One of his children played with a box of matches while the mother was absent and set fire to the bedclothes.

Kaplan rushed back and got his five hildren out safely, and the tenants on the floor above got out all right, but those on the other floors found escape shut off when they started to go down the stairs. There are ten families living in the house and all the women with their children on the upper three floors ran to the roof. The only man who was at home at the time was Franklin lust, who lives with his wife on the top floor. When he got to the roof he found Mrs. J. J. McMahon, Miss Gunning and Mrs. John Corr with her two children, Joseph, 2 years old, and Mabel, 5.

The flames and smoke were rapidly making their way through the house, and the comen became so hysterical that Just had all he could do to keep some of them from jumping onto the roof of 186, which is a tory lower. Just tore down six clotheslines from the roof and made a rope out of them and then swung it down to the roof of 186. His wife slid down the rope to the roof, and she was followed by the other women and children. Mrs. Corr was so hysterical that she could not let herself lown, so Just tied the lines under her arms and, bracing himself against the top wall of the roof, let her down. He then made the descent himself.

WAGES AND COST OF LIVING.

abor Bureau Gives the President Some

Data on the Blessings of High Prices. WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 .- A report on what Secretary Shaw might call the blessings of high prices was handed to the President to-day by Carroll D. Wright, the Commissioner of Labor. The report also contains the results of an exhaustive investigation of the subject of wages. This report is printed as a regular publication of the Bureau of Labor, and some extracts from it will probably be used by President Roosevelt in his letter of acceptance.

It is entitled "Wages and Cost of Living," and as the subject of prices was treated at great length in a similar publication several nonths ago the present report is devoted The investigation was largely to wages. carried on by field agents of the Bureau of Labor, who personally called on the heads of 2,567 families in all parts of the country and on 3,429 commercial or industrial estab-

It is shown that, so far as the field was covered by the investigation, the cost of living has increased from an average of \$296.76 per family in 1896, to \$342.75 in 1903. There was a decrease in 1903 as compared with 1902, however, when the average cost was \$344.61. The investigation was applied only to families whose income from wages or salary was less than \$1,200 a year. The

figures here given refer only to food. The report shows that while the cost of iving decreased slightly in 1903, the average of wages advanced. No general average of wages is stated, but the wages of men employed in various trades and occupations are given in great detail. It is shown that while in 1903 the average wages per hour increased 16.3 per cent. above the average of the period from 1890 to 1899, retail prices for food advanced 10.3 per cent. The increase in purchasing power of the hourly wage was therefore 5.4 per cent.

KERN WILL BE NOMINATED. Parker's Desire for Him to Head Indiana's

State Ticket Is Accepted. INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 1.-John W. Kern or Governor and Warder W. Stevens for Leiutenant-Governor is the ticket that the party leaders have agreed, upon and while there will be other candidates before Wednesday's convention there is now little probability that the slate can be broken. Mr. Kern still refuses to say that he will be a candidate, but nearly all of Chairman Taggart's closest friends are working and have succeeded in getting some of the candidates to retire from the race and declare for Kern and Stevens.

It was said to-day that the reason for the determined effort to force Kern into the race came through a suggestion from Judge Parker to Kern that he would be a good man to lead the State ticket. Kern replied that he made the race four years ago and felt like giving way to some one else, though he declared that there was no question but the party would carry the State this year.

In Judge Parker's talk with Taggart after the conversation with Kern, the Judge again referred to the importance of having a strong ticket in Indiana. Taggart went over the list of candidates and Judge Parker referred to his talk with Kern and asked if he could not be induced to run.

Taggart took this to mean that the Presi dential candidate wanted Kern to lead the ticket, and he has given out the fact with the result that all opposition may fade away before the convention meets on Wednesday. Major Menzies withdrew to-day and declared for Kern.

FAIRBANKS AT HOME AGAIN.

Goes Over the Arrangements for Notifying Him of His Nomination. INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 1 .- Senator Fair-

banks reached his home in this city from Mackinac this morning and was in consultation for an hour with early callers and then busied himself superintending the arrangements at his home for receiving the committee on notification, which will visit him on Wednesday.

The function will be as informal as it is possible to make it. The notification committee will leave the English Hotel at noon in carriages for the Fairbanks home. Elihu Root, the temporary chairman of the Republican national convention, who is to deliver the speech of notification, will occupy the first carriage and will be accompanied probably by James P. Goodrich, chairman of the Indiana Republican State committee

After the members of the committee have been presented to the candidate, the noti. acation ceremonies will take place on the veranda of the Senator's home. If the weather is favorable the members of the committee and the other guests will occupy space on the lawn in front of the porch In case of rain it will be necessary for the committee to occupy the veranda.

Letters and telegrams received indicate that most of the members of the notification committee appointed by the Chicago con-

KILLED A FLEEING BURGLAR. St. Louis Policeman Shoots a Thief Dead in a Chase.

St. Louis, Aug. 1.—Policeman John Ferrick shot and instantly killed a negro burglar this morning in a chase on Carr street, between Broadway and Sixth street Ferrick was running at the head of a crowd of pursuers, who had cornered and almost surrounded him before the policeman reached the scene.

Thinking the negro would stop, Ferrick fired a shot in the air. The thief ran on. "Stop!" shouted Ferrick, waving his revolver. The negro was running straight toward the corner. People dodged behind posts and dashed into doorways. Ferrick

gained upon the negro with every stride. At a distance of 150 feet, he levelled his pistol and fired a second shot. The ball struck the negro in the back of the head. The negro was detected by Mrs. Mary Long while trying to break into her house She gave the alarm.

SHOT IN BACK OF HIS HEAD.

Dr. C. P. Hill, Formerly a New York Real

Estate Man, Killed in Oakland, Cal. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—Two weeks ago Dr. Charles P. Hill was found dead in the hills back of Oakland with a bulle wound in the back of the head. The police have been unable to ascertain whether death was due to suicide or murder. From diaries it has been learned that Dr. was in the real estate business in New

ind, bracing himself against the top wall of the roof, let her down. He then adde the descent himself.

The rope tore the skin off the hands of all tho alid down that way, but no one was therwise injured. The flames were connect to the first and second floors. The lamage is \$1,000

GOV. MICKEY IN A DISGUISE.

HE MINGLES WITH THE MEAT STRIKERS IN SOUTH OMAHA.

Puts on Workingmen's Clothes and Poses as One of Them-Watches a Carload of Strike Breakers Received Says He Will Not Order Out the Troops

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 1 .- In the garb of a laborer Gov. John Mickey of Nebraska this morning came to South Omaha from his Lincoln home, left the cars and mingled with the striking packing house workmen jostled with the strike breakers, stood in line behind the cordon of deputy sheriffs and watched a carload of negro non-union workmen run into Armour & Co.'s, had confidential talks with many strikers and then decided not to send any State troops o South Omaha at present.

Gov. Mickey came to South Omaha on Saturday at the request of the Sheriff and packers to investigate conditions of the strike. He had been requested to send a company of the State Guard to protect the non-union workmen who were being interfered with when they attempted to enter the packing plants.

The Governor saw the things the officers wanted him to see, but reserved his decision on the military question. This morning he returned to South Omaha "incog." and began to investigate on his own account. Before 7 o'clock he was mingling with the strikers, who were congregated by the thousands around the different packing plants.

The Governor was attired as an ordinary aboring man when off duty. In this garb he mingled freely with the strikers, giving and hearing opinions as to how long the trouble would last, how the plants were ucceeding with the non-union men and how many strike breakers would arrive during the day.

Shortly after Gov. Mickey arrived on the cene, the strikers suddenly broke for Armour's, where it was reported an attempt to run in a carload of strike breakers was being made. The Governor stayed with the strikers and ran to the plant. Before reaching it, however, the crowd was halted by deputy sheriffs, and the Governor stood in the front row and watched the strike breakers, of whom there were fifty, enter the plant and go to work. The strikers ttempted no interference.

For three hours Gov. Mickey remained among the strikers and says he received information as to how a strike is run. Then ne was recognized by Sheriff Powers, who was amazed at seeing the Governor in a workingman's garb. But the Governor quickly told his mission and then and there announced that no troops would be ordered to South Omaha so long as the striker remained in their present state.

"Things are absolutely safe in South Omaha, and there is no reason to call out the troops," he says. "I know what I am talkng about now, for I have seen and heard ust about the whole thing."

Later Gov. Mickey visited each packing house, as well as the Union Stock Yards, and discussed the situation with the diferent parties concerned. Then he returned to Lincoln, still wearing the clothing in which he had posed as a striker.

GRAFTING CHARGE IN NAVY. Reports That Petty Officers on Hancock Are Selling Ratings Being Probed.

A naval board is investigating reports navy yard, have been selling ratings or promotions to sailors for cash. The reports were started by bluejackets alked freely of the matter ashore. When the commissioned officers on the ship and in the yard heard of these reports they reported to the Navy Department, and a board was detailed to investigate the rumors The inquiry, which is being conducted

in Washin gton, brought out statements to the effect that landsmen and coal passers had their ratings advanced to "second class seamen" and to even "ablebodied seamen" by handing graft to men "higher up." A new bluejacket recently appeared on the Hancock. It was said that he had been transferred from the Washington Navy Vard. On the Hancock, it is al leged, he had a talk with a petty officer about his rating and paid \$25 for an advancement. Not long afterward he was lumped from landsman to second class fireman. He enjoyed his honors only

forty-eight hours, disappearing suddenly It now turns out that he was a Secret Service man who had been sent on to get evidence. Three petty officers were summoned as witnesses to Washington yesterday. They took a morning train. The bluejackets at the yard say that grafting has been going on for a long time, unknown to the commissioned officers, however, until re-

SHOT HIS WIFE ON A TRAIN. Bartender Attempts Murder and Then Commits Suicide Near Mauch Chunk.

MAUCH CHUNK, Pa., Aug. 1 .- Edward A. Ritter, an Easton bartender, to-day shot his wife, who is known as Jane Lily Roche, and then killed himself, while riding on the Cannon Ball Express on the New Jersey Central railroad, from Easton to this place. Ritter married the Roche woman in 1902. Her home is in Bloomsburg, and for a time they resided there. Later they went to Easton. It was there that their domestic relations became strained, and a short time ago Mrs. Ritter left her husband and again took her maiden name. He was jealous of her and for the last week had been following her. He accosted her in

the train at Catasauqua, and the pair soon became involved in a quarrel.

Rising from his seat, Ritter pulled a revolver from his pocket, fired a shot at the woman and then, facing the crowded car, put the revolver to his temple and pressed the trigger. With a groan he fell to the floor dead.

Mrs. Ritteris still alive, but it is not thought that she will recover. that she will recover.

SECRETARY TAFT IN TOWN. Has Not Decided Whether or Not He Will Take the Stump.

Secretary of War William H. Taft, who

has been passing a six weeks vacation at Murray Bay, in Canada, broke his journey from that place to Washington by staying last night at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. He will go on to Washington this morning. Secretary Taft was accompanied by a Filipino servant and was met at the station by his brother, Henry W. Taft. Secretary Taft said he had not determined whether or not he would make any speeches during the campaign. The only engagement he had shead of him he said was to speak at St. Louis on Aug. 18, the day set apart for the Philippine celebration. last night at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. He

MISS CLEMENS INJURED.

Daughter of Mark Twain Thrown From

Her Horse by a Trolley Car. PITTSFIELD, Mass., Aug. 1.—It became known this afternoon that the young woman whose horse was killed by a trolley car in Lee, late on Saturday evening, and who received injuries, was Miss Jane Clemens, the youngest daughter of Mark Twain. who is spending the summer in Tyringham

with his daughters. Miss Clemens and Rodman Gilder, son of Richard Watson Gilder, were taking a moonlight ride and at the approach of a trolley car Miss Clemens's horse became frightened and bolted upon the track. The car struck the horse on the flank and threw Miss Clemens some distance. One ankle was sprained and she was bruised on the back and left side. The horse was dragged for forty feet

and -killed. Miss Clemens's injuries were treated in Lee, where she gave her name as Miss Julia Langdon, which was the maiden name of her mother.

The horse was one of a pair which Mr. Clemens brought recently from Italy.

KILLED IN A TROLLEY WRECK. Woman Loses Her Life Near Westboro,

Mass .- Actress's Leg Amputated. WESTBORO, Mass., Aug. 1.-A collision between two of the heavy electric cars on the Boston and Worcester Street Railway at what is known as Washington street crossing, three miles west of here, about noon to-day, inflicted such severe injuries upon Mrs. Caroline Stewart of Winthrop Beach that she died late this afternoon at

the Framingham Hospital. John Doe of Wellesley, motorman of the car proceeding toward Worcester, was so badly crushed that his recovery is considered impossible. Miss Maud Maguire of Boston, an actress, known on the stage as Maud Thornton, had her right leg so severely crushed that amoutation was found necessary, and her condition is serious. Fully twenty others were injured, several of them having limbs fractured, and a number were cut by flying glass.

The accident occurred on a sharp curve at the foot of an incline, down which the westbound car was running at a speed of twenty-five miles an hour. The eastbound car, which should have waited on a siding until the other car had passed, was proceeding at a lower speed.

Laborers working on the road near by extricated the injured, and physicians were sent to the scene from Framingham, Hudson and Marlboro.

WIRELESS TALK WITH LINERS.

Marconi Experts Plan to Communicate Anew With Vessels Off Nantucket. NANTUCKET, Mass., Aug. 1 .- Since the Government ousted the Marconi wireless telegraph from the Nantucket South Shoals Lightship the company officials have come to the conclusion that they can exchange wireless messages with liners without the aid of the relaying station on the lightship by simply increasing the power of the plant

Siasconset and on board the steamships. William A. Bradford, one of Marconi's experts, is now in Siasconset making a series of experiments with a view of ascertaining how much power will be necessary to transmit messages to the steamships, which pass about sixty miles south of this island, and it is believed he has succeeded in sending several messages to vessels within the last

twenty-four hours. Just as soon as the instruments were removed from the lightship, it was noticed ship Hancock, stationed at the Brooklyn | that receiving instruments in Siasconset were slightly affected at certain times, and sometimes whole words were recorded.

At first the operators were somewhat puzzled as to the cause, but on learning that several steamers had endeavored to communicate with the lightship, not knowing that the apparatus had been removed, they quickly concluded that the dots and dashes received at Siasconset were parts of messages sent from the steamers.

CONTROL OF WIRELESS.

President Approves a Report Giving It to the Army and Navy.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—President Roose velt to-day approved the report of the board appointed some time ago to consider wireless telegraphy in the United States in its relation to the army, navy and general Government use. Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, chief of the Lighthouse Board; Brig.-Gen. A. W. Greely, Chief Signal Officer of the Army, and Prof. Willis Moore, Chief of the Weather Bureau, with a representative of the Department of Comnerce and Labor, composed the board. By the report of the board control of

coastwise wireless telegraph stations is given to the navy and control of whatever stations are necessary to communicate with the various army posts is given to the army. This arrangement, however, must not interfere with the coastwise stations. The army is to have control of the wireless stations in Alaska and on the frontier The board also recommends legislation by Congress to prevent interference in any way by private stations with the navy controlled coastwise stations.

PULLMAN SHOPS TO CLOSE. Railroads Have Stocked Up With Cars and Travel Is Not Heavy.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.-The announcement was made to-day that the Pullman shops are soon to be closed down. Lack of orders will cause 6,000 workmen to be thrown out of employment indefinitely. For several weeks the company has been reducing its force, until 1,200 are said to be already out of employment. The reopening of the plant is conditional upon the revival of business.

Vice-President T. W. Wickes, in discussing the situation, said the company had no alternative but to close down. "The business of car building has been remarkably dull for many months," said Mr. Wickes. The railroad companies have been placing few orders for coaches with our company, or any other. In the last few years the railroads have been laying in a big supply of cars and have a large stock now on hand Then, railroad business has been falling off. "It seems an off year for travel by rail. Why this is I don't know, but the receipts of the railroad companies show that it is a fact."

Midair Battle to the Death.

PATERSON, N. J., Aug. 1.—Residents along the Goffle road just outside of this city witnessed to-day a fight in midair by two large hawks. The hawks began their battle ahortly after 2 o'clock and kept it up for half an hour, when one of them fell dead into DeGray's woods. The other circled in the air fer several minutes and then flew over the Preskness Mountain.

TOWN FIGHTS WITH A MADMAN

SHOOTS HIM AFTER HE KILLS

ONE AND WOUNDS EIGHT. Jack Carr, a Carpenter of Nebraska City, Goes Insane Suddenly-Shoots From a

Barricaded Room in a Hotel-Brought

Down When He Rushes Out Doors. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Aug. 1 .- For an hour this evening the streets of Nebraska City were filled with armed men, fighting a battle with a lunatic who, armed with a rifle and revolver, fired from his window whenever he caught sight of a head in any direction. The man was Jack Carr, a contracting carpenter. Finally, leaving his room, Carr rushed into the streets and for ten minutes held his own, firing wildly,

until he fell with a dozen wounds. During his fight Carr killed one citizen wounded six others, and also two policemen. Carr is not dead, but is reported dying. Should he show signs of not being wounded mortally, he will probably be

lynched before morning.
Carr, at 7 o'clock this evening, suddenly went insane. Stealing up behind Christian Hartman, he deliberately killed him with a revolver. Then, standing over the dead body, he emptied his pistol into the remains. Shouting wildly and waving his revolver, he rushed to his hotel and barricaded his room.

Chief of Police Schoonover and Patrolman Ingram arrived at his door a few minutes later and Carr began firing through the panels, using a rifle. Schoonover was shot through the shoulder and fell down the steps, from which he was dragged by citizens who had begun gathering.

Ingram returned the fire, also shooting through the door, but soon he emptied his revolver and took refuge in an adjoining room while Carr paraded the corridors firing at every guest who showed himself Returning to his room, Carr secured a shotgun, and opened fire on the crowd which had gathered. Before they could get to cover he had wounded several

Then the battle became general. Every man who had a gun began shooting at Carr's window, from which the madman continued to fire at every opportunity Finally Policeman Ingram secured a posi tion from which he could see directly in Carr's room and soon made it too hot for him to stay there.

The firing from the hotel suddenly ceased and the citizens supposed Carr had been killed. But with a shout the madman rushed from the front door, firing his repeating gun as he ran. The crowd again scattered, and for a few moments he controlled the situation. During these few minutes he paraded up and down before the building, yelling and screaming.

Then Ingram and a citizen charged on Carr, while other citizens fired at him Carr fell to the ground, but they continued firing until he was hit no less than twelve times, when he became unconscious and his guns were taken from him.

Carr at first was thought to have been killed, but physicians are now working on him. Although pronounced wounder mortally, there is loud talk of lynching, and unless he dies during the night he wil undoubtedly be strung up.

LOST SIGHT IN AN INSTANT. Girl Went Blind While on the Boardwalk

at Asbury Park. ASBURY PARK, N. J., Aug. 1.-Miss Bessie Lyndall of Gladwyne, Pa., near Philadelphia, was stricken blind while listening to the band concert on the boardwalk here last night. To-night, showing no improve ment, she was removed to her home, there

to be treated by specialists. The girl and her mother, Mrs. S. S. Lyndall, registered at the Ardmore, Ocean Grove, on Saturday. Last evening they strolled to the beach and walked over to Asbury Park. Suddenly Miss Lyndall stopped and screamed "Mother, mother, I'm blind." She was taken home and kept in a darkened room all night. To-day she was unable to distinguish sunlight from darkness and her removal was advised by

EXTINGUISHER KILLS FIREMAN. Exploded While He Was Carrying It Into

a Burning Building. Joseph Campbell, a fireman attached to Truck Company 3, in Jersey City, was carrying a hand extinguisher into a burning building at 126 Central avenue late last night, when the extinguisher exploded The whole left side of Campbell's face was blown away and he was frightfully burned about the shoulders and arms. He was thrown to the floor so hard that hi skull was fractured.

Campbell was taken to Christ Hospital. where he died at midnight. He was 35 years old.

POOLROOM RAID STRIKES DEEP Western Union and High Officials Said to Be Involved in Philadelphia Inquiry.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 1 .- Interesting developments were made to-day with the promise of sensations to come in the inquiry into the raid on "Bob" Deady's big poolroom in Montgomery county, just over the city line. The raid was made by State Senator Roberts and D. C. Gibboney of the law and Order Society.

Roberts is a young man, a millionaire and the son of the former president of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He is a Republican, but also a reformer. He says the probe is to be pushed, no matter who is hurt. is to be pushed, no matter who is hurt. The statement is made that a Montgomery county official of prominence may be involved. It is asserted by Mr. Gibboney that evidence has been secured indicating that this official was paid a weekly sum protection. It is now asserted that the poolroom re-ceived its service from the Western Union

Telegraph Company. Two wires ran into the hut over which came the full returns from the Western tracks and Brighton Beach. The tickers had been scraped clean of all the usual marks of identification. The telegraph operator was released in \$500 bail to-day, and it became known that instead of being Harry Victor, the name he gave, he was Harry Emanuel, an expert operator. He is a Western Union employee, although it is said that he is not on the payroll at the present time. It is declared the Western Union is to be called to account for the alleged violation of its

pledges.

The prisoners who gave two or three sets of bogus names are having their own troubles in establishing their actual identities and getting ball. Rural justice is adamant on the ball question. Each man, no matter what his standing in life, has to give his real name before bonds will be accepted. Then only gilt edged security will be taken. The prisoners are paying \$50 bonus for \$500 bail bonds.

Hay fever loses its grip in the Adirondack Mountains. New York Contral ticket agent will tell you where to go.—Ade.

HOLD-UP ON ILLINOIS CENTRAL. Passengers on Special Bound for St. Louis Robbed by Four Men.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.-An Illinois Central train bound for St. Louis was held up just outside of Chicago late last night.

It was at first reported that the train was the "Diamond Special," which the Illinois Central put on to accommodate the traffic to the St. Louis exposition. Later it was learned that the train was another special which left here at 9:30 o'clock last night.

The train was boarded by four masked men soon after leaving Harvey. One of the bandits crawled over the tender of the engine and with drawn revolver compelled the engineer to keep the train in motion.

The three other robbers went through the two sleepers and compelled all of the passengers to give up their valuables. They did not attempt to enter the express car. It is not believed that the bandits secured more than \$2,500 in jewelry and money. The men wore red handkerchiefs over their faces.

Several shots were fired by the robbers, and one man was shot and, it is reported, seriously wounded.

After the hold-up the four robbers started oward Chicago. The police of South Chicago were notified and are on the lookout for them. Several detectives and policemen from the Central station have been sent to the scene.

Two passengers who resisted were hit over the head with hatchets and seriously

injured. PREMIER BALFOUR SUSTAINED. House Votes Down a Resolution Censuring His Government.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Aug. 1 .- In the House of Commons this evening a resolution censuring the Government, offered by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, was defeated.

The resolution declared that the House egretted that certain of the Ministers had accepted official places in a political organization which had formally declared Its adhesion to the policy of preferential duties involving the taxation of food.

BOLT HITS A BATTLESHIP. The Indiana at the Brooklyn Navy Yard Struck by Lightning.

A bolt of lightning hit one of the steel masts of the battleship Indiana at the Brooklyn navy yard yesterday. There was a blinding flash of red and green and the lightning ran down the mast and cavorted across the deck. Several enlisted men forward were slightly shocked. About the same time the roof of the machine shop was struck and a shower of bricks fell to the yard.

THE OHIO FALLS SHORT. Battleship Does Not Make Quite the Re-

quired Speed on Her Trial. SANTA BARBARA, ('al., Aug. 1.-The battleship Ohio had her official trial in Santa Barbara Channel to-day, and it is feared that she fell a small fraction of a knot below the Government requirement of 18 knots. The course was thirty-six miles up the coast. On the northern run the Ohio made more than the required speed, but on the return she lost a minute and a half owing to

wind and tide being against her. She will have another trial, whether she

made the required speed or not.

AUTO RUNS AS SPECIAL TRAIN. President Underwood's Machine Makes Trip to Paterson on Eric Tracks.

PATERSON, N. J., Aug. 1.-President Underwood of the Erie Railroad is an enthusiastic autoist, delighting so much in this pastime that he has had a machine fitted with flange wheels like a railroad car so that it can be run on the railroad tracks.

The machine was in need of repairs and was run to this city to-day by three employees of an automobile exchange. It came through on the Erie as a special train. starting five minutes ahead of a regular train. The trip through the Bergen tunnel was made without mishap and the car arrived in this city in good condition, three minutes before the regular train.

LIBRARY CLEARED OF PIGEONS. Marksman Called in, and Washington Now Reads in Peace.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 .- By means of a rifie in the hands of an expert marksman the pigeons which made their home in the golden dome of the Library of Congress and annoyed readers by their flutterings have been removed and the reading room restored to its former quiet and dignity The marksman is J. Eaken Gadsby. got three pigeons in an hour. If there were any other birds in the dome they

were driven away. HOLD-UP IN CENTRAL PARK. I'wo Men Robbed at Point of Revolver

by Five Masked Highwaymen. Two men were held up in Central Park shortly after midnight Sunday night. The two victims are Joseph Gross, an agent with offices at 7 Warren street, and living at 59 East 101st street, and a friend, J. C. Hurley, who is stopping at the Putnam

The hold-up was made in "Wild West" fashion. The two men were walking along the transverse road at Eighty-sixth street, when five men wearing masks pointed revolvers at them, at the same time yelling. "Hold up your hands! We want all you've got!"

Three of the men covered Gross and Hurley, while the two others went through their pockets. Gross says he was relieved of a diamond ring, a gold watch and \$50 in cash. Hurley says he lost his watch, a diamond pin and a roll of bills.

The highwaymen fled after securing the booty. The robbery was reported to the East 104th street station.

The Rev. E. W. Donald Dying.

ISPWICH, Mass., Aug. 1.—The condition of the Rev. E. Winchester Donald, rector of Trinity Church, Boston, is such that the attending physician said to-night that death was a question of only a few hours.

Latest Marine Intelligence.

Arrived: Ss Minnehaha, London, July 23.

LIGHTNING HITS ALL ABOUT.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1804. Partly cloudy to-day, with local rains; fair and warmer to-morrow.

> POST OFFICE, TAMMANY HALL AND FLATIRON STRUCK.

Elevated Also Feels the Storm-No One Badly Hurt-Flood of Water Downtown—Stock Exchange's Troubles -Church Cross in Brooklyn Toppies.

A thunderstorm accompanied by an unusually heavy rainfall struck this city at one minute past 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. In the hour and a half that the storm lasted flagpoles and buildings in various parts of town were hit by lightning. several fires were caused, cellars were flooded, telegraph and telephone wires were more or less crippled and street traffic was interrupted. A few persons were

shocked, but no one was seriously hurt. In the morning and early afternoon the humidity was so great that everybody suffered. It was not so hot as on Sunday but the excess of moisture in the air made the day almost unbearable and hundreds of workmen quit their jobs on account of exhaustion.

When the storm broke the rain fell in sheets, driving pedestrians to whatever cover offered. Umbrellas were impotent against such a downpour and even street cars were no protection. It would be impossible to estimate the value of the dresses and picture hats and all sorts of clothing that the rain ruined. Five minutes after the first drops fell the streets were rushing torrents.

POST OFFICE BUILDING HIT.

A bolt of lightning struck the old flagpole at the Mail street end of the Post Office building about 2:30, tearing the flag and halliards away, and splitting off nearly half the pole from within a foot of the ball to the roof.

The roof was set on fire, and an alarm was sent in, but two firemen easily put out the blaze.

A falling piece of the pole just passed by Janitor Sickles, who was weighing coal on he platform along the Mail street side Splinters flew half way to Broadway and Park row, along Mail street. All the lights were put out in the basement on the Park row side, and brilliant flashes streaked brough the mail tubes which lead to the sub-stations.

A gang of about fifty painters, carpenters and plumbers, who were making repairs on the building, were on the top floor and were considerably shaken up. Harry Harrison, foreman of the painters, was just turning on an electric light and received a shock which burned his arm. The report was deafening throughout the entire build-

Among those present at the time were Postmaster Van Cott, Chief Engineer Frye, Supt. Washington, United States Commissioners Shields and Alexander, United States District Attorney Burnett and United States

Circuit Judge Thomas. In the City Hall the employees distinctly felt the shock of the bolts that struck the Post Office and of one other that seemed to have hit near the Bridge, but which could not be traced. In the Mayor's office the telephones were set buzzing and connection was interfered with. In the office of Borough President Ahearn a water cooler was tumbled off its perch and sent spinning across the floor. According to the employees of the office, the water tasted of

sulphur afterward. Clerk Cross in City Clerk Foully's office was hand and he received a mild shock. In some buildings near the park the electric lights were extinguished and telephone

communication entirely broken. THE FLATIBON PEELS THE STORM

The fifty-foot flagpole on the "prow" of the Flatiron Building, 300 feet from the ground was shattered by lightning. Flying splinters frightened the folks who were scurrying through the streets, but no one was seriously hurt. Patrolman Purcell of the Broadway squad was helping a woman from a Twentythird street car when the crash came.

He looked up in time to see an eight foot

sliver sailing down at him. He lifted his

left arm to protect himself and the woman. and caught the blow on his forearm. His forefinger was gashed by the splintered Another eight-foot piece came down on the Fifth avenue side of the building and barely missed the lamps on the isle of safety. One fragment of the pole was

blown nearly a block, falling by the clock in front of the Fifth Avenue Hotel. A small fire began at the base of the flagpole and Irwin Davis, superintendent of the building, sounded the signal to have the water turned on through the standpipes. Sam Burgwen, in the third subasement, who is as black as the region he rules, started the big pumps and the fire was soon out.

The tenants on the top floor were badly scared by the crash and by the vivid flashes which ran around the metal eaves. The thirty-foot pointed remnant of the pole was lashed securely with ropes, as it had

become unsteady. The pole was two feet thick at the base. A new one will cost \$50, with \$10 or \$15 more to put it in place.

FIREWORKS ON THE RLEVATED BOAD.

One bolt of lightning struck the southbound track side of the Third avenue elevated road at Fifty-second street and furnished a half minute's brilliant display for the people in the street and at nearby windows without doing any particular damage. In the excitement of the moment an overzealous citizen beat a policeman in a foot race and pulled an unnecessary

alarm of fire. Policeman Larkin of the East Fiftyfirst street station, who was at Third avenue and Fifty-third street, saw everything

that happened. "I heard the crash," said Larkin, "and at the same instant saw a streak of flame come straight down out of the sky and hit the elevated a block away from me. There was a sort of a roar and a similing, and I saw what you might call a snake of fire wriggle along the third rail for about a quarter of a block and then shoot straight up into the air and die out like a rocket That's all there was to it.

"People in the street and at the windows began to yell, and I saw one man running for the fire alarm box at the corner of Fiftysecond street. I knew what he was up to and tried to head him off, but he beat me and pulled in an alarm which wasn't needed, for all the fire there was was a little smouldering on the end of one wooden tie. which could have been put out with one good kick. The nearest train to the point that was struck was a South Ferry train, insist upon having Burnett's Vanilla,-Adv. south bound, between Fifty-first and Fif-